

AEMA14

2019 Conference of the Australian Early Medieval Association

LEGITIMACY

3–5 October 2019  Monash University, Clayton, Australia

This conference invites papers on the broad theme of *legitimacy* in order to examine the ways in which distinct forms of the pursuit of *legitimacy* evolved in the early Middle Ages.

Legitimacy can have several meanings, covering aspects of authenticity, legality, validity, and conformity. While it literally refers to something that meets the requirements of the law, this legal aspect is not inherent: something can be legitimate without being legal, or be legal without being legitimate.

In the world dominated by deeply polemical counter narratives, which often subvert authenticity to claim legitimacy, this conference aims to challenge the perception that this contemporary practice is distinct in the way it contests *legitimacy* and *illegitimacy*.

We welcome any papers related to all aspects of the Early Medieval periods (c. 400–1150) in all cultural, geographic, religious and linguistic settings, even if they do not strictly adhere to the theme. We especially encourage submissions from graduate students and early career researchers.

Abstracts of 250-300 words for 20-minute papers should be submitted via email to conference@aema.net.au by 5 April 2019.



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